



Senate Bill 172 Public Meeting

October 23, 2019



Welcome and Introductions

- Department of Education (DOE)
 - Susan Bunting, Secretary
 - Chuck Longfellow, Associate Secretary
 - Kim Klein, Director of Finance
 - Meaghan Brennan, Education Associate
- Special Guests/Legislators



Senate Bill 172

- Prior to SB172, Delaware had not reported education spending at the school building level.
- Adopted to increase school funding transparency.
- Intended to provide comparable financial data statewide, to be used in education policy-making discussions and decisions.



Delaware Report Card

– Launched the [Delaware Report Card](#) on January 16, 2019.

Delaware Report Card Educational Data for Delaware Citizens

What is the Report Card?
Delaware aims to enable parents and stakeholders to engage meaningfully in public education decisions, which is only possible when they have access to clear, robust, timely and continuous information about how their students and schools are doing throughout the state. Check out the Snapshot link below to see highlights of education in Delaware.

FIND YOUR SCHOOL
Search below to see a snapshot and detailed educational information about every Delaware district, school and charter.

Search:

[List of Schools](#) [Search](#)



Since then ...

- Improved Financial Transparency page on DOE website.
- Reviewed existing school codes with LEAs and standardized naming methodology ([FSF School Codes](#)).

16-0751	Laurel Central Office
16-0752	North Laurel Early Lrng Acad
16-0756	Laurel High School
16-0782	Laurel Middle School
16-0783	Laurel Elem School
16-9999	To Be Allocated



Since then ...

- Collaborated with the Division of Accounting, Office of Management and Budget and LEAs to standardize expenditure account codes.
 - Starting in July 2019, LEAs began using codes aligned with National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) categories.
- Released Financial Coding Guidance.



What's next?

- Working with LEAs to standardize revenue account codes by July 2020.
 - Rebuilding financial reports to align with NCES categories.
 - Collaborating with the Division of Accounting and Open Data Portal to provide additional expenditure data.
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Public Comment

- Public comments will be limited to five minutes per individual or organization.
- Please introduce yourself, including the organization you are representing (if applicable).
- Please submit written feedback/comments no later than Friday, November 8th to:

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